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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Gallup Area Office  
P. O. Box 1260  
Gallup, New Mexico

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Realty

Confidential Claim Retracted

Authorized by: SW

Date: 6/12/13

April 28, 1958

Through: General Superintendent,  
United Pueblos Agency

Mr. James Solomon *- 100 ~~ac~~ a month I think it is enough*

Governor, Laguna Pueblo

Dear Mr. Solomon:

The Rio San Jose Dam and the area surrounding it were inspected on Thursday April 24. As mentioned by you to the United Pueblos Agency Realty staff, the overflow from this dam has created a new channel which rejoins the San Jose River some 600 yards down stream. This new channel has eroded away land and caused some cave-in and subsidence. The land in this new channel was previously used for grazing purposes and is now not suitable for any use other than a channel for water. It is my opinion that the pueblo should be compensated for the fair market value of this land. Someone from your pueblo or our Albuquerque Realty Office should estimate the acreage which has been destroyed for grazing purposes and the pueblo should be paid at the rate of \$10.00 per acre.

In addition to the land destroyed for grazing use by the new channel, it was noticed that the contractor in order to get material for the dam itself removed useful top soil from surrounding areas. In some instances the removal of the top soil exposed rock outcroppings. It is felt that this area in which the soil was removed is now unfit for grazing use and that the pueblo should be paid at the rate of \$10.00 an acre for the total area affected by the removal of the soil.

Sincerely yours,

*R. D. Bloom*

Area Chief Appraiser

*The horse sale was not done right, reason wet weather, horses not examine properly.*



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